

by Bill Millner. The National Guard in recent years served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew and Hurricane Opal.

During the concert, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Steven Solomon, Commander of 83d Troop Command, presented the Venice Concert Band and Professor Gabriele each with a framed certificate of appreciation "for exceptional service to the Army National Guard." Gabriele is noted worldwide for his classical compositions and patriotic marches, such as "Korea Veterans March," which was performed by the U.S. Army Band for the dedication of the Korea War Memorial in Washington, DC. Also during the program Sarasota County Commission Chairman Robert Anderson presented the Venice Concert Band and Dr. Gabriele with commendations; and city of Venice Vice Mayor David Farley, Councilmen Earl Midlam, Burt Brown and Virginia Warren presented them with commendations and a flag of the city of Venice.

Members of the band who performed in the historic premier of the "National Guardian's March" were: Renee Arata, Marilyn Bay, Jan Bonds, Henry Busche, Russell Byron, Fred Capitelli, Harokl Chase, Rogers Cumming, Carmelo Cuscina, Vicki Elmore, Mary Ann Farrell, Jay Fish, Judson, Vincent Gigliotti, Harry Gilmore, Les Gowan, Ed Grep, Charles Heidorn, Willie Jacus, Bob Kaltenbaugh, David Leath, Carl Linden, Mary Lipton, Julie Mahler, Robert McMullen, Les McRea, Alex Meldrum, Bill Meyer, Rex Morse, Shirley Morse, Mary Mullen, George Olisar, Stanley Ovaitt, Fred Ploch, Marilyn Sexton, Jane Sibole, Larry Shields, Ken Sotherlund, Bob Spangle, Missy Thornley, Connie Timm, Michael Torino, Basil Wanshula, Agnes Warfield, Roger Wolfe and Don Yasso.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this well-deserved tribute to the National Guard.

A MAN TO BE ADMIRERD

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who truly embodies the community spirit so valued by all Americans. A good friend to many of us, Robbie Callaway has enriched and enhanced the lives of countless children in his own community and across the Nation. His outstanding accomplishments, especially those with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and inspiring commitment to future generations should be recognized and appreciated.

After graduating from the University of Maryland in 1973, Robbie began his lifelong ambition to help disadvantaged children succeed in our challenging and ever-changing world. He first was a counselor at the Caithness Shelter Home, and later was appointed deputy director of the Boys and Girls Homes of Montgomery County, MD.

In 1991, Robbie became senior vice president for government relations for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Since Robbie's appointment on a national level, he has more than doubled the number of youths whom the Boys and Girls Clubs network serves. He also

played a key role in obtaining funds from various Federal agencies, so much that the funds received by the national organization made a dramatic increase from \$50,000 in 1991 to an astounding and well-deserved \$36 million during 1996.

Not only has Robbie performed his job at the Boys and Girls Clubs of America with dedication and competence, he displayed instrumental precision in acquiring funds from various Federal agencies for other programs to aid children. His work and leadership for the construction and growth of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and his current service as vice chairman of their board of directors is just one shining example of his efforts. His expertise continues to be vital to the success of this program.

Robbie has influenced a number of Federal laws which affect America's youth including the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, the Child Protection Act, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the National and Community Service Act, and the Tax Reform Act.

Robbie has received numerous prestigious awards throughout his career. In 1987, he received the honorable award of Outstanding Service to President Reagan's Child Safety Partnership from the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1990, Robbie was honored with the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award. And in 1992, he went on to acquire the distinguished Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, Robbie's accomplishments appear to be endless and in some ways they are. The youth of today will reap the rewards of his efforts as will future generations. If there is one thing we can recognize about Robbie Callaway is that he has made a difference in our society. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Robbie Callaway, an outstanding individual, from whom we can all learn, and one who has helped to improve and enrich all of our lives.

TRIBUTE TO CAMELOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 1997

Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Camelot Elementary School in Auburn, WA, for their recent selection as a Blue Ribbon School. It is an honor to have this school in the Ninth Congressional District. Only 263 schools nationwide are awarded this honor. The Blue Ribbon School status is awarded to schools which have strong leadership; a clear vision, and sense of mission that is shared by all connected with the school; high-quality teaching; challenging, up-to-date curriculum; policies and practices that ensure a safe environment conducive to learning; a solid commitment to parental involvement; and evidence that the school helps all students achieve high standards.

I commend the staff, students, and parents of Camelot Elementary School for their hard work in building an effective community for learning. The focus on literacy and assuring students obtain the essential skills needed for life is absolutely necessary and I am glad we

have Camelot Elementary School as an example for how we need to work toward in educating our children.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES B. POST

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 1997

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor to a courageous young man from my district who persevered to overcome extraordinary circumstances in order to obtain his dream. Dr. James B. Post, a quadriplegic since age 14, recently received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

At age 14, a diving accident at a Boy Scout camp left Jim Post paralyzed from the neck down. He cannot move his legs and has only partial use of his arms, yet Jim went on to become an Eagle Scout and later attended King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. At King's, Jim studied premed and finished in the top 10 percent of his class.

I have known this young man and his family for many years, and I can attest to the strength of character he demonstrated during his extraordinary struggle not just to survive, but to excel. With the constant love and support of his family, Jim Post rose to meet challenges most teenagers without disabilities never face.

Mr. Speaker, while these accomplishments alone deserve praise, Jim continued to pursue his dream and applied to 10 medical schools. Each of the 10 schools refused him admission because of his disability. However, he did not give up, fighting on television and in the press, his story gained State and national attention and soon found many supporters. His battle for admission led to a State Senate investigation and a 1993 law barring Pennsylvania colleges from discriminating on the basis of disability.

After speaking with faculty at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Jim applied and was accepted on the condition he hire a physician's assistant to help examine patients. Along with this help and with his wife Saretha and son James by his side, Jim began the rigors of medical school undaunted.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Post, not only graduated from medical school, he was admitted to an honor society Alpha Omega Alpha which only admits students in the top 15 percent of the class who possess proper attitude and professionalism toward patients.

Currently, Jim is preparing to begin his internship at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York. He plans to specialize in either nephrology or endocrinology.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. James B. Post is a living testament to the triumph of the human spirit. It is with great pride and admiration that I bring the remarkable accomplishments of this courageous young man to the attention of my colleagues and add my best wishes for his continued success.